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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to you regarding the pending transaction between the Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Cable. The transaction was first proposed more than a year ago, and, under your watch, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has been conducting a detailed review over the last eight months.

I urge you to hold to the FCC's 180-day transaction clock and reject any further efforts to stop the clock; fully 242 days have already passed since the Commission began consideration of this transaction despite only 161 days counting toward the clock due to numerous stops and starts.

In that time both the House and Senate have held oversight hearings of this proceeding and the FCC's regulatory review has provided every opportunity for the public and stakeholders to participate and comment. I commend you on this process as it has taken into account competition, investment, localism, diversity, innovation, and the public interest.

As you know, Comcast has made significant investments in communities and non-profit organizations through direct and in-kind support in Pennsylvania and around the country. I support them wholly, and laud their commitment to philanthropic activism.

Further prolonging this proceeding will only introduce greater regulatory uncertainty into the marketplace; I urge you to act without further delay and complete consideration of this transaction in a full, fair, and expedient manner.

Thank you for considering this request, and please do not hesitate to contact Philip Murphy
(Philip.Murphy@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-2135) on my staff with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Mike Doyle
Member of Congress



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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Sam Farr
U.S. House of Representatives
1126 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Farr:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable (TWC) by Comcast. I appreciate your interest in the Commission's review of the transaction, as well as hearing your views on the matter. Your letter will be made part of the record.

As noted in your letter, you seek an examination of the impact of the merger on independent programmers and ask that we closely examine whether safeguards exist to protect unaffiliated programming from discrimination. I can assure you that these issues are front and center in the Commission's proceeding.

As I have expressed to you before, we will continue to conduct an open and transparent process as we review the issues presented by the proposed transaction, including the concerns raised in your letter.

I hope this information is helpful.

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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
239 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Doyle:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed acquisition of Time Warner Cable by Comcast Corporation. I appreciate hearing your views.

I understand your concern with regard to our informal, 180-day transaction clock. As you note, the clock has been stopped at least twice during our review. Most recently, we stopped the clock as we await definitive guidance from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on whether parties will have access to confidential material for potential use in submitting comments on the record.

We continue to receive frequent submissions from the applicants and other interested parties. I can assure you that the Commission is conducting an open and transparent process as required by FCC rules and regulations, and we hope to conclude our review as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you for your interest in the matter. Your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
U.S. House of Representatives
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Janice Hahn
U.S. House of Representatives
404 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Hahn:

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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
U.S. House of Representatives
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Grijalva:

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